

(2) an explanation of why the project is important to the small community;

(3) a description of all actions taken with respect to the project as of the date of the application, including any attempt to secure funding; and

(4) a description of demonstrated need for funding for the project.

(f) Awards

(1) In general

Not later than May 1 of each fiscal year, a State rural development director, in coordination with the council and the environmental protection director of the State, shall—

(A) review all applications received by the State rural development director under subsection (e) of this section; and

(B) award SEARCH grants to small communities based on—

(i) an evaluation of whether the proposed project meets the eligibility criteria under subsection (d) of this section; and

(ii) the content of the application.

(2) Administration

In awarding a SEARCH grant, a State rural development director—

(A) shall award the funds for any recommended environmental project in a timely and expeditious manner; and

(B) shall not award a SEARCH grant to a grantee or project in violation of any Federal or State law (including a regulation).

(3) Matching requirement

A small community that receives a SEARCH grant under this section may be required to provide matching funds.

(g) Unexpended funds

(1) In general

If, for any fiscal year, any unexpended funds remain after SEARCH grants are awarded by a State rural development director under subsection (f) of this section, the State rural development director, in coordination with the environmental protection director of the State, may repeat the application and review process so that any remaining funds are recommended for award, and awarded, not later than July 30 of the fiscal year.

(2) Retention of funds

(A) In general

Any unexpended funds that are not awarded under subsection (f) of this section or paragraph (1) shall be retained by the State rural development director for award during the following fiscal year.

(B) Limitation

A State SEARCH account that accumulates a balance of unexpended funds described in subparagraph (A) in excess of \$2,000,000 shall be ineligible to receive additional funds for SEARCH grants until such time as the State rural development director awards grants in the amount of the excess.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6302, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 422.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the

Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act which comprises this chapter.

§ 2009ee-2. Report

Not later than 30 days after the end of the first fiscal year for which SEARCH grants are awarded, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that—

(1) describes the number of SEARCH grants awarded during the fiscal year;

(2) identifies each small community that received a SEARCH grant during the fiscal year;

(3) describes the project or purpose for which each SEARCH grant was awarded, including a statement of the benefit to public health or the environment of the environmental project receiving the grant funds; and

(4) describes the status of each project or portion of a project for which a SEARCH grant was awarded, including a project or portion of a project for which a SEARCH grant was awarded for any previous fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6303, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 424.)

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Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act which comprises this chapter.

§ 2009ee-3. Funding

(a) Allocation to State rural development directors

(1) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 2009ee-1(b) of this title \$51,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007, of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be used to make grants under section 2009ee-1(b)(2) of this title.

(2) Actual appropriation

If funds to carry out section 2009ee-1(b) of this title are made available for a fiscal year in an amount that is less than the amount authorized under paragraph (1) for the fiscal year, the Secretary shall divide the appropriated funds for the fiscal year equally among the 50 States.

(b) Other expenses

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter (other than section 2009ee-1(b) of this title).

(Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6304, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 424.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act which comprises this chapter.

CHAPTER 51—FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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§ 2011. Congressional declaration of policy

It is declared to be the policy of Congress, in order to promote the general welfare, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising levels of nutrition among low-income households. Congress finds that the limited food purchasing power of low-income households contributes to hunger and malnutrition among members of such households. Congress further finds that increased utilization of food in establishing and maintaining adequate national levels of nutrition will promote the distribution in a beneficial manner of the Nation's agricultural abundance and will strengthen the Nation's agricultural economy, as well as result in more orderly marketing and distribution of foods. To alleviate such hunger and malnutrition, a food stamp program is herein authorized which will permit low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing food purchasing power for all eligible households who apply for participation.

(Pub. L. 88-525, §2, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 703; Pub. L. 91-671, §1, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2048; Pub. L. 95-113, title XIII, §1301, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 958.)

AMENDMENTS

1977—Pub. L. 95-113 substituted “a more nutritious diet” for “a nutritionally adequate diet” as the object of the program.

1971—Pub. L. 91-671 provided for cooperation in utilization of Nation's abundance of food by other agencies, struck out “to the maximum extent practicable” before “to safeguard the health”, enunciated finding that limited food purchasing power of low-income house-

holds contributes to hunger and malnutrition, and substituted “promote the distribution” for “will tend to cause the distribution” and authorization of a program (to alleviate hunger and malnutrition) which will permit low-income households to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet through normal channels of trade for prior authorization of a program (to effectuate policy of Congress and purposes of this chapter) which will permit such households to receive a greater share of Nation's abundance of food.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Section 1301 of Pub. L. 95-113 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1977.

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-171, title IV, §4001, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 305, provided that: “This title [enacting section 3007 of this title and section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress, amending sections 1431e, 2012, 2014 to 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2025 to 2028, 2031, 2034, 2036, and 7508 of this title, sections 1612, 1613, and 1631 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, and sections 1755, 1758, 1760, 1769, and 1786 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, repealing section 2033 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 612c, 2014 to 2016, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026, 2028, 2034, 2036, and 3171 of this title, section 1161 of Title 2, section 1612 of Title 8, and sections 1755, 1758, 1769, and 1786 of Title 42, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 612c of this title] may be cited as the ‘Food Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2002’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-171, §1, Feb. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 3, provided that: “This Act [amending section 2016 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 2016 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Electronic Benefit Transfer Interoperability and Portability Act of 2000’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-225, §1, Mar. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 106, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 2012, 2014 to 2016, 2018, and 2026 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under section 2012 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as notes under sections 2015 and 2016 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13901(a), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 672, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 3 (§§13901-13971) of title XIII of Pub. L. 103-66, amending sections 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2020 to 2023, 2025, 2026, and 2028 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 2025 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-624, title XVII, §1701, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3783, provided that: “This title [enacting section 2032 of this title, amending sections 1431, 1431e, 2012, 2014 to 2018, 2020 to 2022, 2024 to 2028, 3175, and 3175e of this title, section 6109 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, and sections 405 and 9904 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 612c, 2012, 2014, 2020, 2025, and 2028 of this title and section 1751 of Title 42, and amending provisions set out as notes under sections 612c and 2012 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Mickey Leland Memorial Domestic Hunger Relief Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 100-435, §1(a), Sept. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 1645, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 2012, 2014 to 2017, 2020 to 2023, 2025, and 2026 of this title, section